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Revenue earns clean audit for 11th year in a row

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 10, 2003—The Department of Revenue has earned a clean audit for the 11th year in a row.

State Auditor Brian Sonntag announced today that his auditors found no irregularities during a review of Revenue's operations. The audit determined whether the Department had complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures. It also evaluated internal controls and focused on areas with a potential for abuse or misuse of public resources.

"Revenue should be proud of this significant record of accountability," Sonntag said. "Its good stewardship of the public's money is reflected by this length of audit reports with *no* findings!"

Acting Director Will Rice said he is proud of the ability of agency employees to earn such a distinction while processing more than \$10 billion in taxpayer payments annually.

"This speaks to both the integrity and dedication of our employees and the importance we place on financial controls," he said.

Rice noted that just last week, *Governing* magazine rated Revenue as one of the top six departments of revenue in the nation, and a model for other states to emulate.

"This type of recognition reflects our ability to stand vigilant over taxpayers' money while we continually improve our processes," he added.

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